

GERMAN PRISONERS IN FRANCE DECLARE THIS IS LAST DRIVE-- French Confident and Line Unbroken--Russians Have Turks On Run Again

GERMAN ASSAULT DYING AWAY NORTH OF VERDUN

Enemy Made No Attack Last Night, French Claim.

Some Losses Admitted--Huns' Make Big Claims.

(By Times Special Cable.)

Paris, Feb. 25, 2:30 p.m.--The fighting north of Verdun is diminishing in violence, the War Office announced today. No attack by the Germans was attempted last night.

The official statement admits that the French have fallen back to the rear of Beaumont.

The text of the statement follows:

"To the east of Vauquois we have launched fresh attacks on the enemy's works in the region of the forest of Chappuy. Intermittent artillery activity has been carried on between Malancourt and the left bank of the Meuse. In the district to the north of Verdun the cannonade has diminished in violence, and the enemy made no attack on our positions during the night. We have established organized positions in the rear of Beaumont, on the heights stretching to the east of Champenelle and to the south of Ornes. The night was calm on the remainder of the front."

GERMAN CLAIMS

Berlin, Feb. 25, via London, 3:20 p.m.--The German War Office announced today the capture of all French positions in the region north of Verdun as far as the ridge of Louvemont, just south of Beaumont.

The number of prisoners has been increased by more than 7,000 to over 10,000.

Capture of the fortified village and positions of Champenelle, Giville, Beaumont, Beaumont, Champs-sur-Meuse and Ormes was announced today by the War Office.

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FRENCH 'QUITE CONFIDENT'; HUN REGIMENTS WIPED OUT,

Wings Have Given, Centre Stands Firm Before the Germans.

(By Times Special Cable.)

Paris, Feb. 25--The great battle between the French and the Germans for the stronghold of Verdun, the easternmost of the French front, is being fought by the entire country with keen interest and with entire confidence. The public realizes that this is the greatest test to which the French defenses have been subjected since the battle of the Marne, and is eager to know every detail of the occurrence.

So far the Germans, by sheer weight of men and metal, have succeeded in forcing the French left wing back for three miles to Semouilly, on the heights above the Meuse, and for a shorter distance on the right at Ornes, but they have made no impression on the centre. The line is bent, but far from broken. The nature of the country between Semouilly and Ormes, leads them more to attack than to defend, and the French command.

LAST GREAT EFFORT OF WANING GERMAN POWERS

Prisoners Tell French Captors That Was Leaders' Promise.

(By Times Special Cable.)

Paris, Feb. 25--German troops taking part in the operations before Verdun were given to understand that this was to be the last and the great offensive against France, according to statements made by prisoners reported in the Paris newspapers this morning. The following phrase is quoted from an order published by the German High Command on the eve of the Verdun battle:

"The course of the last offensive against France, I hope that the fifth army corps will distinguish itself as it has done in the past." The Petit Parisien's correspondent at the front says that the great German offensive against Verdun is quoted from the personal direction of Emperor William, who arrived at general headquarters on Saturday last and who, in order that nothing should be wrong, immediately ordered that all of those released of the conflict

OVERSEAS WITH 173rd



JAMES TUCK.

He was the first recruit accepted by the 173rd Overseas and will be a member of the 173rd Overseas. He is a son of Police Sergeant Tuck of this city. His uncle was killed last August, and a cousin is paratrooper in a fighting battalion. He is 21 years old, 5 ft. 7 1/2 in. tall and was born in Hamilton.

WHO WILL BE THE FIRST TO-MORROW?

FRENCH FEAR HUN DEVILRY

(By Times Special Cable.)

London, Feb. 25--(New York Herald cable)--The Times correspondent at Paris hints that dynamic reasons led the Germans to attack Verdun. He expresses the belief that General von Boehmer has been brought from the eastern front to conduct the operations and admits that the Crown Prince's army has been heavily reinforced from Metz.

Fortunately, however, says the correspondent, "the element of surprise was totally missing from the Crown Prince's operations. The French had been long preparing to meet a move toward Verdun. All that is feared is some form of devilry, such as the Crown Prince's army is expected to employ in the offensive leading to the theory that the war is reaching against the stagnation imposed upon it by the French."

Victim of Hun Bomb

(By Times Special Cable.)

His Majesty's Feb. 25--A Berlin newspaper says that a bomb containing a bomb was put on board the Laupport & Holt Line steamship Tennyson at Berlin, at the request of a German merchant, by a person whose identity has been discovered. The investigation opened by the authorities is being actively pursued.

It was announced on Feb. 23 that the Tennyson on the previous day had put into port at Marne-la-Meudon, believed by some to have been caused by an internal explosion, and as a result of which three of the crew, an American, an Englishman, and a Dutchman, were killed.

For Killing and Seizure

The safest and most effective remedy to use for these conditions, either on the body or head, is Parker's Kidney Cure. It has been a great boon to those suffering from kidney itching. Also recommended for eczema, skin eruptions, etc. 50c per bottle. Parker & Sons, Market square.

Saturday Tobacco Bargains

Ten cent plays of King's Navy for 8c, Stag 8c, Lily of Britain Navy 8c, Snowflake King George Navy 8c, Shamrock Smoking, 4 plays for 25c, at tobacco cigar store, 107 King street east.

The rush hour demonstrates that a seat in a crowded car is worth two in an empty one.



This map shows Verdun and surrounding areas where the heaviest fighting for months in the western front, is now in progress.

WILSON STILL UNSHAKEN IN HIS POSITION

Opposes Warning Americans Off Armed Steamers, Despite Congress' Stand

HOUSE IS FOR IT

Leaders Warn President It Would Carry New by a Vote of Two to One

(By Times Special Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 25--President Wilson reiterated his opposition to any action in Congress warning Americans off armed steamers, in a conference today with Speaker Clark, majority leader Kitchin, and Chairman Flood, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and they in turn told the President that it would be brought to a vote in the House early next week. The President was adamant in his position that Congress should take no action restraining the commerce of the United States.

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The President told the House leaders that the United States must stand for the right of the seas, and that the right of the seas must be protected in any emergency. He said he would be glad to conduct the negotiations with Germany in such a way that war would be avoided, but that he would be glad to conduct the negotiations with Germany in such a way that war would be avoided.

GREEK WOUNDED

Cannots Enlisted From Hamilton With First Contingent.

The casualty list today contained the name of Pto. George Cancho, a former local Greek, who enlisted with the first overseas contingent, and is reported to be in the hospital in London. The Cancho family is well known in this city, not only for its many others as well. Being of an ingenuously turn of mind he made a good living making plaques of paric statistics, which he sold.

HAVE A CLUE

Deep, Dark Mystery May Be Solved Some Day.

Detective John Cameron has a clue as to the identity of the publisher of his bill. He and Detective Goodwin have traced his flight, and it was stated yesterday that dire results would follow were he not placed back where he was found. Following in the description given by the officers of the man, he was a dark man, with hair parted on the left side and wearing a blue check coat, a dark tie, and a watch chain. He was about 35 years of age, a heavy smile, white teeth, and a pair of glasses. He was wearing a blue check coat, a dark tie, and a watch chain. He was about 35 years of age, a heavy smile, white teeth, and a pair of glasses.

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SINK ALL MUNITIONS SHIPS; FAKE FLOOD OF AFFIDAVITS

Germans Planned To Begin An Awful Campaign of Slaughter on the Atlantic

And To Trick the United States into Humiliation and Disrepute

(By Times Special Wire.)

Providence, R. I., Feb. 25--The Journal this morning says:

"The Providence Journal is in receipt of information direct from German Embassy sources which proves the existence of a plot to drag the United States into humiliation, and to commence with the loss of the Atlantic, from which there can be no escape in connection with the attempt that is now being made to force the demand that Americans refrain from crossing the ocean on passenger steamships carrying munitions."

"The plot, furthermore, if carried to a successful conclusion, would enable the German Admiralty to sink any unarmed merchant ship leaving an American port, and to destroy its entire crew and passengers without any possibility of the United States Government making a protest."

"The statement, made voluntarily to the Associated Press by Henry von Jacquet in Berlin two weeks ago, that the United States Government had made new and additional demands on Germany if connected with the loss of the Atlantic, was in the hands of Count von Bernstorff before it was given out in Berlin. This von Jacquet statement was part of the plot to embarrass the Administration and discredit it. The new demands made through certain members of Congress, whose fidelity to German wishes has become a matter of daily comment in Washington, was originated in the German Embassy, and sprang from the fertile brain of Dr. Heinrich Albert two weeks ago. Dr. Albert, with

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TWENTY MORE MACHINE GUNS COMING FOR THE FRONT

for Branches of Discipline

Conduct Generally is Good, But the Officers Are Quite Firm.

That commanding officers of various local units will not tolerate any laxity of discipline was asserted today in the announcement that three members of the 120th City of Hamilton Battalion will be court-martialed on Monday next for three different offenses. One is to be charged with having refused to obey the order of a superior officer, another will be arraigned for assaulting another comrade and the third will face the grave indictment of embezzling in the sum of \$100.00. The 120th City of Hamilton Battalion, which is now in the front line, is being retrained by the C.M.R. General speaking the discipline of the large majority of the men is excellent, and for this reason the few offenders are to be firmly dealt with.

Captain V. Wright, assistant recruiting officer, stated, that yesterday there were 55 applications, 25 of which were accepted. The 120th City of Hamilton Battalion, which is now in the front line, is being retrained by the C.M.R. General speaking the discipline of the large majority of the men is excellent, and for this reason the few offenders are to be firmly dealt with.

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Worst Since Ypres, 1914---French Have New Plan Which Works Well.



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THE TIMES SPORTING PAGE

Big Crowd Saw Scott Beat Fighting Zunner For Second Time

Local Boy Was Best In Every Round But One and Showed Big Improvement Over Last Start

—Other Fight Gossip.

All doubt as to who is the better man between Pete Scott, the local lightweight, and Fighting Zunner, of Buffalo, was proven last evening, when Scott outwitted and outboxed his opponent in every round but one and proved to the large number of fight fans from Buffalo, Niagara Falls and Hamilton that his victory over Zunner in Buffalo two weeks ago was not a lucky one, but well earned.

Scott was in far better condition for last night's battle than he was when the two men met in the first battle, for from the go he sounded Zunner, hit him, and made no mistake, but he fought hard in the first three rounds and got away from the terrible punishment he suffered in the first three rounds of the first battle. Zunner, who was the tactics of Zunner, spent the first round in feeling him out to see if he had adopted new tactics, but he found the going exact the same, for during the second, third and fourth rounds bit Zunner at it. In the fifth round, however, the Buffalo boy showed a reversal of form and made such strong, convincing the local boy at all times. This sort of awakened Scott, for in the sixth round he was seen at his best, and from then on until the final going rang he had the Buffalo boy hanging on.

Scott is improving in every battle, and those who went from here to see his battle are of the opinion that he is a greatly improved man. He has developed a nasty left and right hand uppercut, which he landed very often last evening, and there is enough steam behind it to bowl a horse over. This kind of treatment sort of slowed Zunner up after the seventh round, and whenever the opening appeared Scott battered away with both hands. He was, and then the battle was over. The Buffalo boy was somewhat miffed. Still credit must be given to him for his plucky work, for he did not get credited to his poor time after time Zunner was so good that made the Indian wince, and the fight, but he failed to follow them up; in fact, he made no good was the defense work of the Indians.

Although it was Scott's first showing before a Niagara Falls audience, he made a big hit, and it is a certainty that he will take in a large majority of the all-star bouts on Thursday night next. He will beat before the same club with Joe Gold, who is his opponent, and Pete will be forced to make 125 pounds for the boy. Scott says he can make this weight without weakening himself, and expects to score a victory over Goldberg.

London, Feb. 24.—The authorities have suggested to Jack Johnson that he should be made desirable than his company. It has been suggested that the negro prize-fighter that if he does please he will voluntarily he will probably be deported.

Johnson took the hint and announced on March 3 that he would leave South America. The former champion has been heading a revolt with a combination of the provinces, and has been making "bad" money. There have been insurrectionary movements in the provinces with regard to his obnoxious attentions to white women.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—George K. O. Brown, of Chicago, who gained glory in the boxing ring, was today in the city of Chicago, where he is staying at the Hotel Duxbury in Astoria, Canada, out of that country without a passport or citizenship papers. He is a citizen of this country, but has nothing with him in Australia to prove it. They won't let him leave until he produces his papers. He has sent to this city a letter saying, and they probably will reach him within five days.

George is in no hurry to quit Australia, and he still has some "fight" to make under his own name. He is a Greek, and of course, and they won't let him leave until he produces his papers. He has sent to this city a letter saying, and they probably will reach him within five days.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Joe Willard, his manager and two trainers decided today for New York to begin training for the fight with Frank Moran on March 2.

The heavyweight champion has fully recovered from a recent cold, which made a postponement of the bout necessary.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 24.—At first thought it wouldn't appear that the Zepplin affair was much to do with St. Louis political affairs, but it has been no such thing as Zepplin and Lewis would not be accused Harry Trendall at the Coleman. He can't think, or blame, the Zepplin for the bomb.

"I have a family to support," explained Lewis. "I have brought my father, mother, five brothers and sisters, and a bomb broke all the windows in my father's house. Another bomb broke all the windows in my mother's house. I have brought them over here. It's up to me to support them. That's why I am in St. Louis."

—Tonight's best marked Lewis' 27th since last July. He goes from here to New Orleans, where he has heard

MAISEL TO PLAY IN YANKEES' OUTFIELD



FRITZ MAISEI

New York.—Despite rumors from the West that Joe Jackson, the White Sox outfield star, is to be traded to the Yankees for Fritz Maisei, the third baseman, Capt. Huston, left owner of the Yankees, says that Maisei is not to be traded and that he will play in the outfield garden for the Yankees this summer. Maisei played a star game at St. Paul last year, but the acquisition of Home Run Baker, also a star third baseman, makes it necessary to shift Maisei to the outfield, a position which he has longed to play for some time. That he will fit into the Yankees' outfield in a capable manner is a foregone conclusion. Maisei covers a lot of ground; is a sure fielder and good thrower.

Local Juniors Tackle Owen Sound To-Night--Seniors Play Elmira

Coach Carroll Has Both Teams In Fine Shape and Is Confident of Victory--Minnock Will Guard The Nets--Other Hockey Gossip

Everything is in readiness for the big game at the Arena to-night between the local juniors and Owen Sound and while they are battling away for Northern League honors the local intermediate outfit will be doing duty against the popular Elmira team at Elmira.

The game here is exciting, Great interest and judging from the advance sale of seats the crowd will be the largest that has ever witnessed a junior game in Hamilton this season. Coach Carroll had the boys in fine shape, and they showed so much form in that one practice that he decided to rest them up until to-night. The intermediates were out last evening and the turnout was a lot better than the one of Tuesday night last, as every regular was on hand, and all appeared to be in fine condition despite the lengthy lay-off that they have had.

Boyd, Parker and Reiser have hit their regular stride now, and great things can be expected of this trio in the game at Elmira to-night. The junior team will line-up as follows: Coach—Joe Smith. Centre—Arthur. Right wing—McLean. Left wing—Westland.

Coach Carroll sure put the intermediates through a stiff drill last evening in preparation for their game at Elmira to-night, and if they dish up the same brand of hockey they are going to have a hard time of it. Every member of the regular team will go along with the exception of "Mer" who will be unable to accompany the team owing to sickness, but a good man has been secured to fill his place in Minnick, the Montreal fifth. There is a chance of another tie in the game at Elmira to-night, as the team has been in the neighborhood of a tie for some time.

The game that, Hamilton hockey are somewhat interested in taking place at Port Colborne to-night, when the intermediate team of that town took place in the first of home and home games for the rights to go to the O. H. A. finals, and as both teams who play the evening game, the great game can be looked for. Stanley Burgess, who has been looking for a change, will play for Port Colborne team, in conversation with a local hockey official a few days ago, he said he is going to leave the team for the time being, and if Stanley is kidding on the level they should have little trouble in disposing of him.

The long-distance wires between here and Toronto were kept busy this morning by Hamilton hockey coaches, who were talking to the Argus-Riverview battle at the Toronto Arena to-night. Those who say the Argus-Riverview battle was a good one, and several have announced their intention of seeing all remaining senior games at Toronto.

The senior Northern League game here on Tuesday night should be well worth seeing, as the visiting septette are just about as fast as the Berlin team who played in a game at the Argus-Riverview battle at the Toronto Arena to-night. Those who say the Argus-Riverview battle was a good one, and several have announced their intention of seeing all remaining senior games at Toronto.

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Brampton Secures Three Goal Lead on Midland--Seaforth Beat London

Only One O. H. A. Game Was Played Last Night--Several Northern League Games Staged--The Scores

Brampton, Feb. 24.—Over twelve hundred people witnessed the O. H. A. intermediate third round game to-night between Midland and the locals, which Brampton won by 4 to 1. W. J. Lowe, M. P., honored the game with his presence, and forced the puck, after a brief address, amid cordial applause. The ice was soft and play was slow. The locals enthused the crowd by annexing the first two goals.

The locals had it all over the visitors in the last twenty minutes, but the heavy ice saved Midland. Burrell brought the crowd into rapture by hitting a rebound after Seaforth's shot. The same boy stick-handled his way through Midland's defense for Brampton's fourth, and the crowd went wild when he scored with a header, of his life, but he kept the shots out for the rest of the period. The teams: Midland—Goal, McDonald; first defense, C. Simpson; second defense, Deatler; rover, A. Simpson; centre, McCall; right wing, R. Simpson; left wing, R. McDonald.

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Reference—Harvey Sproule, Toronto.

Berlin, Ont., Feb. 24.—An innovation in organized hockey was furnished here to-day when the 13 o'clock game for the Ontario County Military League game was played. The 11th Battalion of the Canadian Trenchers won the championship from the 11th Battalion of Galt. The score was 5 to 1. The teams: 11th Battalion—Goal, McCall; first defense, C. Simpson; second defense, Deatler; rover, A. Simpson; centre, McCall; right wing, R. Simpson; left wing, R. McDonald.

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Windsor, Feb. 24.—The Windsor Victorias have refused to play hockey with the Abernethys of Ottawa, who are claiming to be the winners of the Victoria, through President J. D. Pratt, explained they were not playing against the Abernethys because the latter were supported by the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

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HORRORS SEEN BY SERB CHILD

Mrs. Edward Rowell, the wife of a South African soldier, has been a Red Cross nurse in Serbia and Montenegro, and tells in the sketch the horrible tragic story of a 12-year-old Serbian child.

Danaska was first observed by me as a pale, tragic little figure, who was a Red Cross nurse in Serbia and Montenegro, and tells in the sketch the horrible tragic story of a 12-year-old Serbian child.

The second tragedy attracted by the deaths at the hospital, and from a little distance would watch the sisters going and coming from their work.

I learned that her mother died when she was seven years old, and that the tragic events of the last few years were too fresh in her mind. She seemed to take everything from her own life, and she seemed to be a girl not thirteen years old, but a non-existent in Montenegro.

She was a ragged, thin little girl, a grown woman's jacket, a stockade, and a pair of wooden shoes, but she seemed to be a girl not thirteen years old, but a non-existent in Montenegro.

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McBRAYNE'S WON FINAL AT THISTLE

Close Game Won By a Big Last End

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SEIZURE OF SHIPS BY LISBON OFFICER WAS AUTHORIZED

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